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SHANGHAI BANK CASE.

SENSATIONAL ARGUMENT.

At the Shanghai Mixed Court on January 16 before Mr. Grant Jones, British Assessor, and Magistrate Keith, Wm. Pucher, manager of the Austrian Lloyd made an application for the return to him of all money which was found in a safe kept in a Chinese house in Tongshan Road and which had been seized by order of the Court.

The applicant was unrepresented. Mr. G. H. Wright appearing for the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank and Mr. G. D. Musso for the Bureau of Liquidation, both of whom had obtained judgments against the Austrian Lloyd.

Mr. Pucher made a preliminary application that this matter should be heard in camera, which was not granted.

Mr. Wright said that the judgment obtained by his clients was for Tls. 8,800 and it was still unsatisfied. The bank had been unable to locate any assets at the time and no steps had been taken particularly in view of Mr. Pucher's statement on those occasions that he had then no interest in the Austrian Lloyd.

Mr. Pucher, examined by Mr. Wright, said that when he was approached in January, 1918, by an officer of the Court for the purpose of serving the writ in the bank's case upon him, the office of the Austrian Lloyd was closed and had been closed since October, 1917. Witness, however, kept a room in town for the purpose of dealing with the seamen of the Austrian Lloyd.

Mr. Wright: What was this new office?—I had a room in Messrs. Arnold, Karberg's.

You paid rent for that?—Well the rent came out of relief money I procured here.

Who did you debit with the rent?—Well, I debited the Austrian Lloyd account.

Did you not tell the officer of the Court when he tried to serve you in January of last year that you were no longer connected with the Austrian Lloyd?—No, I said the Austrian Lloyd office was closed.

Did you not refuse to accept anything pertaining to the Austrian Lloyd?

Witness, in reply to further questions, said that as manager of the firm he kept books and the book produced which was kept by a clerk under him showed the money paid and received on account of the firm.

When China declared war witness had any amount of trouble, any number of creditors came along and there was nothing left for him to do but to close the office.

Mr. Wright: Was it not a false statement of fact when you said that you had no longer anything to do with the Austrian Lloyd?—I never said that. I said the Austrian Lloyd office was closed.

What did you wish the officer of the Court to believe from that?—Nothing, but that a special order was required for me to accept the summons.

As agent of the company he continued to draw his salary of Tls. 1,000 per month from the time the Bank's petition was filed until October, 1918. The case came up for trial in March.

Mr. Wright: In March you drew six months' salary in advance, Tls. 6,000. Will you tell me why you did that?—The money was paid out of the Commercial Bank of China for relief purposes and what could I do? In times like this the best way was to dispose of the money as soon as we got it.

The fact that he drew his salary in advance had nothing to do with the trial of that action. It was simply to get rid of the money as he had no means of keeping it.

Mr. Wright: Was it not because you were afraid the Bank would get it?—No.

Why was your office safe not taken to Arnold, Karberg's?—Well, I have given my reason for this in writing. If you had asked me at the time if there were any assets of the Austrian Lloyd you would have got a clear statement.

Why did you pay Tls. 6,000 to the Dutch Consulate in November, 1917?—This is a mistake.

It may have been a mistake, but did you do it?—

The Assessor:—Did you or did you not pay Tls. 6,000 to the Dutch Consulate in November, 1917?—The money was brought from the Commercial Bank.

Did you or did you not pay it to the Dutch Consulate?—Yes, it was paid to the Dutch Bank.

Witness said the money was an instalment of Tls. 80,000 allowed by the Chinese Government for relief purposes. They took the money out in March, 1918.

The Assessor: Where was the necessity to turn the Dutch Consulate into your bankers? Why did you not

leave it in the Commercial Bank?

The Chinese Government released the money in six instalments.

That is not the question. Why, if you did not require the money for immediate purpose, did you put it in the Dutch Consulate? Why did you make the Dutch Consul your banker?—The Dutch Consul was responsible to the Chinese Government for the proper disbursement of money.

Did you get interest on this sum?—No. I got no interest.

Mr. Wright said the reason why the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank instituted the proceedings was because they had reason to believe that there was money of the defendant firm in the Commercial Bank. When they wrote to the Commercial Bank in April asking if there were any money of the Austrian Lloyd in their hands, they replied there was none, and yet the books of Mr. Pucher showed that he drew Tls. 5,000 the following month.

Witness replied that he had no concern with the reply of the bank.

The Assessor: When you were in receipt of your salary as manager, why did you refuse service of the summons?—I did it on principle.

The Assessor: Principle? Principle! You don't know the meaning of the word.

Mr. Musso then produced a letter written by the witness which represented his monthly requirements: Tls. 250 for office rent and Chinese staff; maintenance of manager and family, Tls. 300; maintenance of 25 superior officers, Tls. 100 per month; Tls. 2,500; allowances to 60 men, \$10 per month, \$600; hospital, doctors and medicine, Tls. 500 per month.

Mr. Musso (to witness): You have not paid Tls. 250 per month for office rent; you have not paid Tls. 600 to yourself, but Tls. 1,100; you have not paid the various sums stated in your letter, but you have provided for yourself and left the others in the lurch?—I have not left the others in the lurch.

In answer to the Assessor, Mr. Musso said that there was found in the safe \$2,500 notes; Tls. 4,500; Kronen, 4,000 in notes; \$215 Bank of Territorial notes; and certain other valuables which were not mentioned in the letter.

The Assessor pointed out that there was a claim against the firm by the Shanghai General Hospital for \$2,000 odd which had not yet been heard.

Mr. Musso: That is what the witness should have paid out of the money he received. He has included it in his letter.

Witness said that claim was being disputed. He continued by asking for the delivery to him of all the money found in the safe, stating that it was money saved out of his salary.

The Assessor: What right have you to draw Tls. 1,100 per month if you are not manager. Have you not been defrauding the firm?—No, sir, I have it in writing.

The Assessor remarked that the very fact he refused to accept the summons amounted to a statement that he was no longer manager.

Witness replied that he had maintained the same attitude with relation to correspondence on the Austrian Lloyd's affairs.

The Assessor: A lie is not made the truth by constant repetition.

After remarks from counsel the Court refused Mr. Pucher's application.

Mr. Pucher: May I have leave to appeal?

The Assessor: No. You are a very lucky man to escape commitment for contempt of Court. Now go away.

THE HUN WILD BEAST.

The following extract is from a letter dated November 4, from Private T. A. Brumm, of the Manchester Regiment:—

"Every man in the battalion has seen today for himself what an absolute beast the German is. We have all heard and read of atrocities, and at the lack of our minds have heard that the tales were untrue or exaggerated; but seeing is believing. We entered a village at noon today only to find it the enemy the same in name. News was soon spread around that in a certain village, if the road, was the mutilated body of a young woman."

"Our colonel had the whole battalion paraded and we all filed, man by man, through the house where the dead was found. The poor girl's body was stark naked, and the legs, arms, and breasts had been hacked off. One leg was lying in the next room, and the place was all drugged as if there had been a struggle. It was quite the most terrible sight I have seen, but I think the commanding officer did the right thing, so that the men might see for themselves what they are fighting to preserve others from."

"In the last village we stayed at over night we stopped coffee at the hands of a few civilians we found. They did not wish to take any pay, and seemed in a kind of trance after their four years of bondage. All I can say is thank goodness the war never reached this land."

RICE.

ALL ABOUT THE PRESENT SCARCITY AND HIGH PRICE.

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The prevailing high prices of rice are due, naturally, to scarcity of the product caused by the fact that we are now right between two crops, but mainly to the demand created by the extensive purchases of Japanese merchants, who, it is thought, in some quarters, are representing the Japanese Government. It is generally conceded that the Japanese Government finances the big merchants. It is reported that some of the local Japanese dealers have accumulated 175,000 tons of rice within the past four months, approximately half of which has been shipped to Japan, the remainder still being in storage locally. Whether or not this was done by or for the Japanese Government, the fact remains that an embargo has been placed upon the exportation of rice from Japan, when once landed in that country.

Until the war, Hongkong was the centre of rice operations, but through the particular efforts of Japanese combinations, including the Japanese Government, the market is partly shifting to Kobe, due in part to the shipping facilities which have Kobe as their centre.

Japan is now purchasing rice in Hongkong, Bangkok, Saigon and Rangoon, there being no restrictions upon the exportation from these places, and in the case of the rice secured in the south, is shipped direct to Kobe, in ships which are provided, at the instigation of the Japanese Government, especially for that purpose.

The rice shipped to Hongkong is secured largely by Chinese merchants here who sell it indiscriminately, about 75 per cent. of the recent shipments having been secured by present prices in Hongkong are the highest in 20 years, and \$3.50 per picul above the prevailing prices in March and April of 1918. Saigon wholesale prices, which may be used as a criterion of the general market, have increased from 2.4.33 per picul or 134 pounds gross, F. O. B. Saigon, without freight or insurance, No. 2 white round sifted quality, on June 20, 1918, to 2.10.40, same qualifications, on December 20, 1918. Local prices have increased from 30 to 40 per cent. in the past four months, the most pronounced individual increase occurring when the embargo upon the importation into the United States was abolished on January 10.

Price increasing 80 cents per picul the day the news was received. News was received yesterday that the embargo had again been imposed, resulting, possibly, in the fact that the price of rice has decreased 20 cents per picul in the past 24 hours. (This at 11 a.m. on January 24.)

The authorities at Canton, Macao, Straits, and the Philippines have all taken steps to alleviate the conditions in their respective places, but no action has been taken by the local authorities, although they are seriously considering the matter. Ostensibly upon the advice of the Hongkong rice guild, they have imposed no regulations governing the price or exportation of the commodity.

The rice dealers, at a general meeting held yesterday, practically pledged themselves to keep a sufficient supply of rice on hand to obviate the possibility of a crisis, there being enough in their possession now to tide over the situation until the latter part of March, when the new crop from Saigon is expected. Because of these promises of the rice dealers, the Government has not considered an export embargo necessary. Added to this is the fact that with the Siam crop gradually coming in, the prices are tending downward, and it is not anticipated that the price will exceed, at any time in the near future, those prevailing of late.

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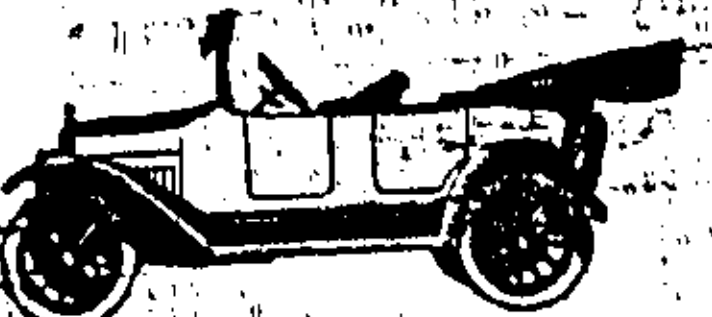
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SOUTHAMPTON WAR RECORD.

Statistics for Southampton port for the four years of the war show 7,000,000 men passed through the port. A tabulation follows:
Men 7,000,000
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Vehicles 110,000
Supplies (tons) 3,500,000
Ships handled 16,600
The daily average was: Men, 4,000; horses and mules, 500; guns and limbers, 10; vehicles and motor lorries, 100; stores, supplies and ammunition, 2,000 tons, and ships handled, 10.

CARAVAN KITCHEN IN ENGLAND.

Chelsea developed the national kitchen idea during the closing days of the war to the extent that a travelling "caravan kitchen" was introduced to serve people who could not get to the depots. The caravan kitchen is a tarpaulin covered van equipped with a range and drawn by horses. It cooks en route food suitable for 30 patients, including special soup, milk puddings, fish, jam tarts and rolls. Three or four assistants accompany the operator of the van which travels through Chelsea three times a week with 500 portions. The national kitchen recalls the old "bin-house," famous in the days of George III., from which on a Good Friday 240,000 buns were sold.

INFLUENZA VICTIMS.

The victims of the influenza in France have included several well-known people. One of the latest is the only child of M. Aristide Franco, Mme. Michel Peichari, who like M. Pascal Coccinelli, M. Cailloux's friend and counsel, died after only three days' illness. M. Michel Peichari, who was her second husband, was killed in the war like his brother Ernest, the author of a novel glorifying war which nearly obtained the great prize of the French Academy some years ago. The prize was awarded to Benjamin Holland's "Jean Christophe" by a narrow majority of one.
Mme. Michel Peichari leaves an only son in his teens, who is the grandson of Aristide Franco and the great grandson of Ernest Peichari, for Mme. Peichari, the mother of Ernest and Michel, is Benan's daughter.
"Mrs. Kewenky is very ill with influenza in London."

GOOD NEWS FOR GRIMSBY.

Because the winter storms are at hand our mine-sweepers will not completely yet. They are hard at work already. Meantime the Fleet is releasing fishing craft of types unfit for sweeping, and the fish catch should soon increase. The patient trawlers which have been called so long on the Adriatic barrage are on their way home. Very soon, too, the Admiralty will be a position to sell numbers of coastal motor-boats, but we are told that these craft, small though they look, have not the weatherly qualities needed in a North Sea fishing vessel.

AIR-BUSES IN A FOG.

Two airmen piloting different machines and carrying 18 passengers on a return flight from France had a rather alarming experience. They crossed the Channel together, and on reaching the London area flew into a dense fog. It was impossible to pick up any landmarks, but the pilots, with only the aid of compasses, "felt" their way through the fog until they arrived in the vicinity of the aerodrome. Here their arrival was awaited with some anxiety, as a message had been received that they would arrive at 4.30. No system of signalling had been arranged to guide the airmen, and a minute or two after the half-hour it was thought that they must have landed elsewhere. At 4.35, however, the machines were heard approaching, and five minutes later made a perfect landing at precisely the same spot from which they started, within a few seconds of each other and about 500ft. apart.

IN THE RAILWAY CARRIAGE.

The returned warriors wriggled through the doorway, cleverly avoiding the clash of arms and gadgets with the lintel, shed their packs, which they piled precariously on the rack, and faced each other in the corners of the railway carriage which was to bear them to London. They shared a match, and lay back luxuriously on the cushioned seats. With half-closed wandering eyes, the man with the Moss ribbon read the notice over the door. "Do not lean out of the window." "All right," he said, sleepily. "Nothing doing. Don't want to." "Not this journey." Then his eye caught the next line of prohibition. "No pet or pincer on a deport." "Hullo," he said. "Compris. Bill? That's the stuff we talk over there." "Hullo." "Nicht hinausgehen." "He read it out slowly. "That's kamarrad talk, isn't it? What's that mean, Bill?" "Mean, silly? Why, it means what the other means, of course. They all mean the same. Don't shove your head out of the window. If it's knocked off, the company will not accept responsibility," he sneered, as if he were quoting a bye-law. "That's for Germany." "It means that, does it?" said the other. "Then they can take it down. Napco. I don't think Fritz is going to put his head out of the window again."

SHEEP SHEARING IN AUSTRALIA.

Sheep shearers in Australia can do about as well as munition workers. The rate to pay is now 10s. per day for 100 sheep. As high as 250 sheep have been sheared in a day by one man, which would give a day's earnings of about 12s., and 100 sheep is an ordinary day's work.

SOLDIERS' VOTES IN FRANCE.

Several correspondents wrote about a statement that it is estimated that 80 per cent. of the soldiers on the Western front would be able to vote at the election. "All take the view that this estimate is beyond the probabilities," Mr. H. F. Oldman, Liberal registration secretary, said. "I never said that 70 per cent. of the British soldiers on the Western front would be able to vote, but that the descriptions of the soldiers on the absent voters lists were such that only from 60 to 70 per cent. of the soldiers could be identified. Further, that when the cards had been addressed in the record offices the addresses would be found to be inaccurate in 50 per cent. of the cases, and therefore not more than 30 to 35 per cent. of the absent voters would receive the cards. The possibility of even a 30 per cent. poll of soldiers on the Western front is now a very remote one."

POLITICS.

Many big men, outside of party politics, have been invited to stand for Parliament. Swinburne's "Letters," just published, tell how he was asked to become a candidate by the old Reform League.
"I appealed to the man I most loved and revered on earth," says the poet. Mazzini (for it was he) was against the idea, and so Swinburne dismissed the application with a "wholly clear conscience." It is a wonder, however, that he did not fall into the temptation, to which he was very liable, of employing the trenchant phrase—just like his friend Buxton.
The latter, being asked to stand for University, not Parliamentary politics, replied:—
"You are students at the University, and have no more business with politics than you have with rat-catching. Had you ever read ten words of mine with understanding, you would have known that I care no more for Mr. Disraeli or Mr. Gladstone than for two old bagpipes with the drones going by steam!"



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MONDAY,
January 27, 1919, at 11 a.m., at the Central Police Station,
CONDEMNED and CONFISCATED
GOODS.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers to the Government.
Hongkong, January 20, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned),
on
MONDAY,
January 27, 1919, at 2.30 p.m.,
at the Royal Naval Yard Police
Quarters (Top Floor), Queen's Road,
The Whole of the
**VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE,**
etc., etc.,
comprising—
Finely carved Blackwood Cabinet,
Massive Blackwood Curio Cabinet
(glass doors), Blackwood tables, Upium
stool, etc., etc.,
Chesterfield Sofa and Arm-chairs,
1 large upholstered Easy Corner,
Electro-plated Tea and Coffee Service,
E.P. Claret jug, Toaster rack, Salad
Bowl and Spirit Kettle, Glassware
and Crockery, large "Tianan" and
Indian carpets (as new), Lace Curtains,
Pictures and Engravings (including
1 set of 6 Hongkong views), Ward-
robe, Dressing and Washstands, etc.,
and a few lots of good Chinese Porce-
lains, Bronzes and Brasses.

Also
One Singer's Cabinet SEWING
MACHINE.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1919.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED)
ON
TUESDAY,
January 28, 1919, at 2.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux
Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
One Winchester Repeating Rifle
and appliances for making ammunition
for same.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned),
ON
TUESDAY,
January 28, 1919, commencing
at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms,
No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,
**TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD
FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-
MOUNTED DOUBLE AND TWIN
BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS,**
etc., etc.,
As follows:—
Chesterfield Sofa and Arm-chairs (new),
Folding Card and Occasional Tables,
Upholstered Suites, etc., Bedroom Fur-
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Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Extension
Dining Table and Chairs, Tea Table,
etc., Dinner Service, Crockery, Glass
Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet
Sets, etc., Bath Room Utensils, Sundry
Electro-Plated Ware.

Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood
and Teakwood Screens, a quantity of
Blackwood Furniture, including large
Blackwood Screen, Side Tables, Chairs,
Cabinets, Engravings, Pictures, Brass
Vases, Tennis Poles and Net, Several
Carpets new and second-hand.

Also
One Treadle Sewing Machine (nearly
new), by Wilcox & Gibbs, with all
accessories.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1919.

INTIMATIONS.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in
this Company will be held at the
Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY,
29th January, 1919, at 11.30 a.m., for
the purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with the State-
ment of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from SAT-
URDAY 18th, to WEDNESDAY 29th
January, 1919, (both days inclusive),
during which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
General Agents for the
WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, January 13, 1919.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL
ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the FIFTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in
this Company will be held at the Offices
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.
on WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1919,
at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors together
with the statement of accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from SAT-
URDAY 18th, to WEDNESDAY 29th
January, 1919, (both days inclusive),
during which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL
ESTATE, LIMITED.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
THE GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, January 13, 1919.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in
this Company will be held at the Offices
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company,
Limited, on WEDNESDAY,
29th January, 1919, at 12.15 p.m., for
the purposes of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with the State-
ment of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from SAT-
URDAY 18th, to WEDNESDAY 29th
January, 1919, (both days inclusive),
during which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 13, 1919.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECI-
MATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company,
Limited, on WEDNESDAY,
29th January, 1919, at 12.15 p.m., for
the purposes of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with the State-
ment of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from SAT-
URDAY 18th, to WEDNES-
DAY 29th January, 1919, (both days
inclusive), during which period no
Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 13, 1919.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS will be held in
the Offices of Messrs. DODWELL & Co.,
LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 30th
January, 1919, at 11.30 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Report of
the General Managers together with a
Statement of Accounts to 31st Decem-
ber, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
23rd to 30th January, 1919, both dates
inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS with the exception
of those of Chinese race desiring
to leave the Colony should apply in
person at the Central Police Station
between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Applicants will be required to produce
Passports or identification papers. All
persons, with certain exceptions, who
remain in the Colony for more than
7 days are required to register them-
selves under the REGISTRATION OF
PERSONS ORDINANCE 1914. Forms
of Registration giving the particulars
required may be obtained at the G.P.O.
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The Penalty for non compliance is a
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Noon on SUNDAY, the 2nd February
and for permits of all kinds till 1 p.m.
on MONDAY, the 3rd February.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Superintendent,
Imports and Exports.
Hongkong, Jan. 21, 1919.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND
BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the THIRTIETH ORDIN-
ARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLD-
ERS in this Company will be held at
the COMPANIES OFFICES, VIC-
TORIA BUILDINGS on TUESDAY
4th February, 1919, at 11 o'clock a.m.
for the purpose of receiving the RE-
PORT OF DIRECTORS together with
the Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED from
TUESDAY 28th January, to TUES-
DAY 4th February, 1919, (both days
inclusive), during which period no
TRANSFER of SHARES can be
Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT &
AGENCY CO., LTD.
General Agents for the
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Hongkong, January 21, 1919.

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hands of Aircraft Transport and Travel
(Limited), a company registered some
years ago to deal with peace projects in
the air. In Paris affairs will be managed
by the Compagnie Generale Trans-
aerienne, of which M. Henri Deutch de
la Meurthe is president.

The departure from London will be
from the Ritz Hotel, Piccadilly, and the
arrival at the Ritz Hotel, Place Vendôme,
Paris. It is impossible at this stage to
give complete details of the service, but
it will probably be as follows:—
Departure by motor car, Ritz
Hotel, London, 10 a.m.
Departure from Aerodrome
London 10.30
Arrival Aerodrome Paris 1.0 p.m.
Arrival Ritz Hotel Paris 1.30

The service will at first, until new
designs are produced, be conducted
with "fast" machines which have
been used for conveying large
cargoes of bombs over German ter-
ritory. These machines, now being pro-
duced in large quantities, are fitted with
two high-powered engines, so that if one
engine fails the other will carry the
machine to its destination.

It is now permitted to give details of
the machines. According to official sta-
tistics they travel 123 miles an hour,
carrying 3,250 lbs. weight. They climb
5,000 feet in five minutes, and "loop the
loop." This fact is not relevant to pas-
senger-carrying, but Hucks, Chief Pilot
to the Aircraft Manufacturing Company
(Limited), besides being the first pilot to
"loop the loop" in this country, also
was the first pilot to "loop" a large
two-engine machine of this description.

Tickets will be available immediately
at the Ritz Hotel, London. Passengers
will be carried in rotation according to
the numbered ticket purchased. The
price of the voyage will be 15 guineas
per passenger. The service will be daily,
weather permitting.

AUXILIARY SERVICES.

A "Times" war correspondent at Head-
quarters wrote on November 6:
"There has been not a little criticism of
our Army organization in the past as
consuming too many men behind the lines
make one bayonet officer. No one
who has been here during the last six
months will for a moment question that it
is the breadth of its base which makes our
organization so incomparably stable and so
significantly efficient." It is the weight
behind it which makes the thin front line
invincible, and without the most admirable
arrangements for the troops' movements
by road and railway, for relief and for
reinforcement, without the nearly perfect
transport system for getting up supplies
and the rapidity with which engineering
work has been done and communication
of all sorts kept close up to the front, and
without the admirable hospital system and
medical service, the moral and fighting
efficiency of our Armies could never have
been sustained at the level which has made
these last victorious weeks possible. Our
fighting men are beyond praise, but it must
be forgotten that they are only the
head of the spear behind which is the
strength of the nation's arm and body. As
a machine for making war the British
Armies to-day are simply superbly efficient.

SHIP-BUILDING.

A leading article in "Shipping & Eng-
ineering" on Shipbuilding in China shows
the effect of the shortage of tonnage upon
the shipbuilding industry of China. The
article states that "among the foreign
managers yards the prosperity brought
about by plentiful orders will lead to devel-
opments in the future which will enable
the shipyards of China to compete with
those of Britain, America and Japan."

Reference is then made to the number of
Chinese shipowners who, eager to partici-
pate in the high freight to be obtained,
with no knowledge of the difficulties before
them, have placed orders for the building
or conversion of vessels with the smaller
Chinese yards, only to find that they are
now working at a loss and a loss that will
become greater as freights fall lower.

Several other articles are contained in this
issue, amongst the subjects discussed being
the re-use of Japanese ships, Indian coal
trade, a new agricultural sector, Penang
Harbour Board, Japanese coal market,
Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co.

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Is every good mother's first consid-
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does not know which way to turn to
find relief for it.

Is every mother Baby's Own Tablets,
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real friend. They gently regulate the
bowels and stomach, break up colds and
simple fevers, expel worms, cure vomit-
ing and indigestion, and make teething
easy. They promote calm natural sleep,
good appetite and regular development.
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BIRTHS.

HUMPHREYS—At 87 Peak, January 23rd, 1919, the wife of W. M. Humphreys, a son.

GATES—On November 16, at Perth, W.A., Mrs. F. Gates, of a son.

HOWE—On January 8, San Francisco, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kent Howe, a daughter.

DEATH.

McGILL—On January 8, at Valparaiso, Captain George B. McGill, aged 41 years.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 1919.

HONGKONG MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.

If there were such a thing as a museum of museums, Hongkong's museum would deserve a place in it, for it is a curio. Lots of residents may be surprised to learn that there is such a place, for very few seem to go there. Those who do, with the object of learning something, are shocked at the condition in which they find it. On one verandah, fenced off by racks of wooden weapons, spears and war clubs, which of themselves are worth care and a better use, is a heap of stuff which looks like the shop of some second-hand or marine-store dealer in a slum, the proprietor of which has been dead some time without leaving issue. Here are beautiful canoes, models, and indeed many valuable exhibits which the present arrangement forbids us to see fairly, much less catalogue; all huddled higgledy-piggledy together, dirty, broken, quite neglected. Evidently the responsible authorities do not consider the Museum one of those things worth doing that are worth doing well. Yet museums, properly looked after, in more enlightened places, are considered to have a high educational value. It is to be hoped that not many visitors to Hongkong discover our museum in its present state, or they will surely carry away an impression of our culture which will not be to our credit.

The Library in a neighbouring room, while not so deplorably neglected, needs considerable reform to bring it into line with similar institutions in places much less wealthy and important than Hongkong. It contains quite a lot of useful books, and quite a lot of stale fiction and out-of-date rubbish. This may be said of many public libraries, but it is rare to find a town nowadays where the books are mixed up in such hopeless cupboards and such apparently aimless confusion. The method of recording issues is also clumsy, out of date, and probably more expensive than a modern system would be. Here again the answer may be that it is so little used that nothing better seems worth while. This would be vicious, however, as a properly equipped and properly managed library would undoubtedly attract more readers. That Hongkong has a sufficient population to deserve such institutions, and that such institutions are a useful and necessary provision in such a community, we do not propose to argue. If such arguments are required, in 1919, in Hongkong, the *China Mail* can only throw up its hands, so to speak, and swear, "quicquid agunt homines," that this must be the uttermost limit in the line of Sleepy Hollows.

SO-CALLED EDUCATION.

A curious illustration of misapplied "education" is supplied by a letter to the *China Mail* from a boy who recently left school. A recent lecturer wants such boys to be given more morals, and "less science." The letter seems to show that a fairer idea of what "science" means needs to be inculcated. Our correspondent says that "science is a newly-born thing and has during the world war shown some very bad characteristics, such as super Drednaughts, Jack Johnsons, Submarines, Zeppelins, Poison Gas, and other destructive means. Science is not good if it is not properly controlled. Reviewing the world's affairs, it is a matter of science versus the Church." The rest of the letter is irrelevant. The writer of it is not alone in using the word "science" in that narrow and incomplete sense. In the true sense of the word, the Germans, who used to be our

scientific leaders, are no longer scientific. At least they were very unscientific during the war. Because, you know, devotion to science merely means devotion to demonstrable truth. Any kind of real, positive knowledge is science; and some hypotheses that are usually called "scientific" are not so, being merely shrewd guesses which happen to fit facts. There are things which good men and in some ways wise men hold to be true although they admit that these truths cannot be demonstrated. They are not science, not provable knowledge. Such knowledge is called faith. The argument that most of us have to take so many items of scientific knowledge on faith—trusting in the scientists who have proved them—is often used to justify that other kind of faith. It isn't fair. In the one, we could, by preparation, follow the tests and demonstrate for and to ourselves. In the other, the wisest of them admit that demonstration must not be looked for. It is in such matters unattainable. All demonstrable knowledge is science. Some of the so-called German science was not.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Still no further change in the dollar 3/8-16d. on demand.

The "Nanyo Maru," 3,500 tons, sunk off Hokkaido in a blizzard, and was lost with all hands.

The Glen Line Steamers paid an interim dividend of 15s. per share for the first half of 1918.

The "Haitan" (Douglas S.S. Coy) will not leave for China coast ports until Jan. 27—a postponement of two days.

"Shipping and Engineering" has a note about the approaching retirement of Captain W. E. Clarke, secretary of the H. C. & M. Steamship Company.

The death has occurred in Tokyo of Vice-Admiral Baron Juzo Matsumura. He studied naval matters in England and America, and was a pioneer in the Japanese Navy.

The Philippine National Bank, government depository of the Philippine Islands, realized the extraordinary revenue of 47.5 per cent on the institution's stock, for 1918, amounting to P. 4,500,000.

Word has been received here of the death in Australia, of the popular Australian actor, Leonard Nelson, who it will be remembered, appeared in Hongkong last year. No particulars are given in the brief news received.

Real estate at Singapore is valuable. A recent big sale of land and houses, in which \$314,500 worth of changed hands, is reported by the "Straits Times" as marked by brisk bidding and exceptionally good prices.

The Indo-China steamer "Kingsing" dropped her propeller off Amoy on January 11. The ship had broken. The O. N. "Singing" towed her in, and next day the "Wingsing" set off from Shanghai with a new shaft and propeller for her.

The local manager of the Banque Industrielle de Chine is in receipt of cable advice from the Head Office at Paris informing him that the General Manager, M. A. J. P. notte, has been awarded the 'Legion d'Honneur'.

Among the forthcoming marriages are the following: William Osborne Lambert, Asst. Government Marine Surveyor, to Mary Jane Parkes, Schoolmistress, Bellis School; Henry Davenport Brown, Mercantile Assistant, Shamen, Canton, to Miriam Elizabeth Taylor, en route to Hongkong from Scotland via U.S.A.

Canton shipments on January 22, were 935 packages of wolfram ore, mostly for Singapore; six of masting, and (for New York) three of silk handkerchiefs and one of copper wire. On January 23, there came down 400,000 packages of wolfram ore for Kobe, 783 of duck feathers for England, 57 of China root for Bombay, 60 of Tainfoles for Manila and New York, and 120 lots of rattan for New York.

The Shanghai Land Investment Company has a German tenant a butcher called Neumann. He has a lease. They applied for an extension on the ground that they could not fulfil their obligations under the lease without breaking the law against benefits to alien enemies. The tenant replied that they should have applied to the British Consul for permission to carry on, but had not done so. He alleged that their real reason for wanting to get rid of him was that he had been a mit-eg, i.e. that he was a spy, and that he had a ten-year lease, and had spent much money on the premises on the strength of it. Judgment was reserved.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL.

SPEECH DAY.

At the Ellis Kadoorie School at noon today, H.E. the officer administering the Government, Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., presented the prizes for the school year just ended.

In addition to the Acting Governor, there were present, Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education, and Mr. Ponsbury Evans. His Excellency in his address said that the headmaster of Mr. Bird and his coming to distribute the prizes four years ago, synchronised with the taking over of the school by the Government. They were glad that Sir Ellis Kadoorie, who continued to take a great interest in the school, was able to be present. They could regard the report as eminently satisfactory from the point of view of the school itself. The number of scholars had increased and the quality of the staff of teachers had not been kept up to the usual standard. There had been considerable difficulty in maintaining the senior staff and they had only been able to carry on through the assistance of ladies such as Mrs. Garrod. He hoped this matter would be righted within a very short time. His Excellency praised the work of Mr. James and Mr. Ng Fung Chan and proceeded to make reference to sports, saying that he hoped that the time was not far distant when it would be possible to allot certain days for football. Sir Henry May, whose resignation they had received with great regret, was very anxious to provide more open spaces for recreation, but this was not easy near the city of Victoria. Commenting on the art work of the school, H.E. said he had awarded the first prize to Woo Sin Weik, and the second to Kwok Chi Cheung whose landscape work showed much promise. He commended Ng Ping-kwan for his clever work. In conclusion he wished them a happy new year and continued success and progress. H.E. then distributed the prizes, the proceedings closing with cheers for His Excellency, the headmaster and staff, and the visitors.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

This is the 4th annual report that I have had the pleasure of reading here. The work has been carried on along the same lines as before. Your Excellency has listened to dialogues recited by the boys. These dialogues teach the boys how to pronounce English correctly. I do not for a moment pretend that they have learned to do this, but in no other way are defects of pronunciation rendered so conspicuous and therefore, we trust, liable to correction. Moreover the boys take greater pleasure in performing these dialogues than in their ordinary work. They appear to be of the dramatic instinct which is very strong in the Chinese nation. Every day in classes 4 and 5 a colloquial topic is taken from the news of the day. This topic is explained and discussed. An old boy from the school writes to Mr. James, his old class 4 master. "All of us took 'very high places in the examination. I think this remarkable result comes chiefly from the colloquial topics we learned."

The maximum enrolment was 584 and the average attendance 521. The maximum enrolment during the past 4 years have been 457, 490, 511, and 534. This shows a gradual increase in numbers. Unfortunately the staff has not increased in proportion. Speaking of the Chinese Staff only, which is not appreciably affected by the war, I may state that they are now two below the estimates and these 2 vacancies are "class 3" masters. The consequence has been that 3 classes have had no regular masters. They have had to put up with such tuition as they could get from masters whose classes were doing Chinese. This meant a change of master for these 3 unfortunate classes almost every hour of the day. This is not a good system and I hope and believe it will be remedied.

Mr. James, the author of "War Stories" has been in charge of Class 4, and his class assimilated very creditably his instructions on this subject. Classes 4 and 5 have also been helped by "The Charge of the Light Brigade," "Barbara Friess," (about whom we have corresponded with the Mayor of Frederick, Md.) and other pieces. We have these on the gramophone. The boys hear them recited by the best actors and take a great interest in following them on the gramophone and learn in this way the correct intonation and pronunciation. The Chinese Classes have been under the able supervision of Mr. Ng Fung Chan. He has arranged model lessons in the hall every week and this has the double advantage of enabling the boys to learn and the masters to criticise one another's methods of giving a lesson.

The Botanical Department has been under the care of Mr. Lee Kwan Shan. It has helped to adorn the school and to add a touch of brightness that will, I hope, live.

The Library has been supervised by Mr. Cheng Kai-in. It has grown steadily and now numbers 765 volumes. Illustrated papers, like the "Sphere" are ordered from England. The average attendance in the Library before and after school is about 60. Mr. Cheng Kai-in devotes much of his time out of school to looking after this department and the boys owe him a debt of gratitude for his trouble.

Physical Drill has been carried on regularly. In summer we change this for swimming drill. It is true that some boys complain that they can swim better on land than in water, but it is better to be able to swim on land than not at all. The feeling of confidence inspired by the drill is half the battle. Anyhow the proof of the pudding is in the eating.

NATIVE NEWS.

The Canton Intelligence Bureau sends us the following communication—

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Military Government of the Republic of China has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the note, dated the 18th inst., of the Consular Representatives of the Allied Treaty Powers, enclosing copy of a telegram received from the Diplomatic Representatives in Peking of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Russia and the United States of America, in regard to the application by the Peking Government for the release of the Custom surplus. The proposed release being based on the assumption that hostilities have ceased on both sides, he desires to point out that though such is the case nominally, as a matter of fact fighting still goes on in some regions owing to the action of the northern troops.

He notes that the Allied Ministers propose to release funds, not to exceed twelve million dollars, on January 25 for certain specified purposes, unless the conference for national reunion shall before that date come to an understanding to indicate a different disposal of those funds in general national interests. Among the items for which the surplus funds are to be applied, is one for "the removal of troops from the front and arrears of pay" for which purpose an amount of over five million dollars is proposed to be expended. It is urged that this applies with greater reason and force to the case of the Military Government, who has not raised (as the Peking Government has done) foreign loans and is in urgent need of funds for the same purposes. As the Customs revenue is contributed in no small degree by the provinces under the control of the Military Government, it is reasonable and just that a fair proportion of the Customs surplus, if released, should be paid to the Military Government.

The Southern delegates are proceeding to the Conference as speedily as possible and will make every effort to have it meet immediately. Nevertheless, it is almost physically impossible that the meeting can be held to discuss and decide the matter before January 25. In view of the desirability that an understanding be reached on the matter at that Conference, it is therefore respectfully requested that the date for release should not be fixed. The Southern delegates will give priority of discussion as soon as the conference meets, and when an arrangement has been arrived at it will be at once notified.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs requests the Consular Representatives to be good enough to transmit this note to their respective Ministers.

(Signed) WU TUNG KANG.

Minister for Foreign Affairs.

January 22, 1919

In the swimming sports of the Amateur Athletic Federation we gained the 1st 3 places in the fifty yards race for Juniors. We won the 100 yards race and we won the Junior Team Race. There were no doubt that swimming is popular. We had many day excursions. On Empire Day 4 launches with 332 boys went out for the day.

In running we won the Relay Race in the O. C. Sports. We put 5 Teams in for the various Volley Ball Leagues, 2 for the Junior League, 2 for the Small Boys League and 1 for the open League. These fixtures are held twice a year. We won the Junior Volley Ball League once, and the Small Boys League twice during last year.

In the Art Exhibition held lately in the City Hall, the school exhibited 8 pictures. The Press remarked that the work was encouraging. The interest taken in Art is to a great extent due to the interest which you, Sir, have taken in it. I think the result is gratifying. I think you on behalf of the school for again offering 2 Art prizes.

In conclusion I beg to thank the donors of prizes for their generosity.

SCHOOLSTIPS (1917)

Tai Yau Scholarship, Chan Ki-pan; Chan Kai-ming Scholarship, Ng Shing-chiu.

SCHOOLSTIPS (1918)

Lugard Scholar, Cheung Wai-fong; Free Scholarship, Pun Shiu-pang; Kwong Yut-choi and Lam Choi-Chai.

Tai Yau, Scholarship, Leung Cheung-ling; Lau Chu-pak Scholarship, Ng Shing-chiu.

Ho Koon Tong Scholarship (Senior), Ng Kam-ming; Ho Koon Tong Scholarship (Junior), Lam Kin-hang.

Chan Kai Ming Scholarship, Cheung Cheung-U.

PRIZES (ENGLISH CLASSES)—went to Ho Wai-lan, Hong, Ho-chung, Chan Chiu-ming, Ho Tai-sun, Chan Shiu-ki, Yuen Hai-yung, Wong Kai Ho, Kam-ming, Li Yau-kwan, Ma Chu-kui, To King-choi, Wong King-lam, Ma Wai-kei, Cheung King-hon, Ho Wing-chun, Lam Chiu-sun, Cheung Kam-chung, Lam Ping-hang, Yung Po-lun, Chan Wa-sung, Ip Kai-ting, Chan Shing-u, Hung Po-lun, Luk Tim, Chan In-chow, Sin Wai-sun, Lai Kwong-in, Leung Tai-wing, Ho Ping-ki, Tai Chun-yau, Tsui Keng-po, Ng Koon-kwai, Fung Tak-liang, Kung Mak-kwong, Ng U-so, Lo Kwai-wun and Mok Man-chung.

Special prizes for knowledge of the war went to Ho Wai-lan, Ho Kam-ming and Leung Fung Ki.

Prizes (Chinese Classes) went to Wong Man-keung, Wong Hang-mi, Leung Cheung-ling, Hong Han-chung, Lam Kin-hang, Wong Shing-chung, Ma Chiu-kei, Tan Hung-ki, Woo Woon-shun, Fung Si-shoh, Wong O-ching, Chu Shau-ai, Chu Ching-poo, Tai Chun-yau, and Tam Tak-lung.

SUPREME COURT.

ACTION BY THE P. W. D.

JUDGEMENT FOR PLAINTIFFS.

In the Supreme Court this morning, Justice Gomperts delivered judgement in the case in which the Building Authorities brought action against Li Chun Fan, owner of 150 Des Voeux Road, alleging abutment on to a private street called Wing Kut Street.

This lordship read the judgement as follows—

This is a claim by the Building Authorities against the owner of the premises, 150 Des Voeux Road, Central, for contribution to the cost of relaying a footpath in Wing Kut Street on which these premises adjoin or abut for a distance of 58' 6". The claim is brought under section 186 of Ordinance 1 of 1903. It is not disputed that the work has been done and that the proportionate cost is correctly worked out if it is proper to base it on the area abutting the street. But the circumstances are somewhat peculiar.

The footpath does not run the whole length of Wing Kut Street. At the northern end it stops abruptly on reaching the southern wall of defendant's premises. The street then contracts and passes into Des Voeux Road through an arch under a covered way which spans it and which itself carries a building. The covered way has no footpath and for various reasons it is not proposed that it shall have one. The defendant urges that an owner is only liable in so far as he receives direct benefit from the improvements. But this footpath is of no benefit to him. Along the major part of his abutment there is no footpath at all. The southern end of his premises abuts, it is true, on a strip of some 4' 11" in length. But this strip is of no use to him for various reasons. In the first place, any person seeking to enter his premises by way of Wing Kut Street, would not use this fragment of pavement at all. He would not continue on it up to the wall, as it would be easier to leave it a little earlier and walk directly to the arch above the roadway. Again, the footpath just before it reaches him is sometimes encumbered by baskets being taken into the shop of his neighbour at 35 Wing Kut Street. Therefore, the argument is that he ought not to be asked to pay for an improvement that is of no more utility to him than to any other resident of the City of Victoria. The answer is given by the Ordinance itself which enacts that the owner's contribution is to be proportionate to the width of his land where it abuts upon the street. There is no provision whatever for total or partial exemption when the premises do not border upon some particular improvement. If this were so, a man would escape payment, *exempt gratia*, of his share of lighting apparatus, merely because no particular street lamp was opposite his dwelling. Section 186 is perfectly clear and unambiguous. But if there were any difficulty it would be resolved by the cases which make it clear that where a street is improved, frontage or abutment on the street, and not that on any particular improvement is the measure of liability.

There must be judgement for the plaintiffs with costs.

Mr. Haywood, who appeared for the defendant, agreed to judgement in the other three cases pending.

THE "KUM CHOW" MYSTERY.

It is with reluctance, states the *Times of Ceylon* of December 31 last, that the Naval authorities here are compelled to admit that the Government chartered steamer "Kum Chow" (local agents, Messrs. Hall, Blyth and Co.), which left Rangoon for Colombo on the 4th of this month with a cargo, mostly of timber (for Burma) and pig lead (for the Commercial Co., Colombo), must be given up for lost. To-day makes 18 days that she is overdue at this port and 26 days since she left Rangoon, and there has not been the slightest trace of her up to date. The British steamer which was especially sent to search for the missing vessel has returned, having failed to find any trace of her, and none of the numerous other ships that have crossed and recrossed this area and who have been informed of the matter too have made any favourable report. No trace of her whatever has been discovered, even in the shape of wreckage. The Naval authorities, who are best able to make a pronouncement, however, do not definitely assert that she is lost, and they still believe that she may turn up after all. For the present, however, there is no ship specially searching for her, but what steps the Admiralty may take after this the Naval officers here are unable to say. The "Kum Chow," it may be mentioned, had included in the cargo of timber, a large stock of bamboo and her deck was practically full up with this, and the Naval authorities are at a loss to understand how with all this material on board and the ship's boats there can be no trace of the vessel, at least of her crew at all. They believe that if the "Kum Chow" has really gone down the crew must have somehow got away and they live in hopes that some news of these people will be received soon.

CURE THAT COUGH.

WHEN you have a troublesome cough, it does not mean that you have consumption or that you are going to leave it, but it does mean that your lungs are threatened, and it is just as well to be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy before it is too late. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

FORMER HONGKONG CONSUL COMMITS SUICIDE.

News has just reached the Colony that Mr. L. Alvarez-Calderon, who for the greater part of last year was the Consul General for Peru in Hongkong, has shot himself in a San Francisco Hotel. We hope to be able to give full details in to-morrow's issue.

JAPANESE PEACE DELEGATES PASS THROUGH.

The Japanese peace delegation, which arrived in Hongkong yesterday on the "Tamba Maru," en route to Marseilles, departed this morning on the same steamer. A large delegation of prominent local Japanese were present at the steamer's departure, to wish them success. Their leaving was signalled by the blowing of the whistles of the Japanese boats in the harbour.

FIRE DESTROYS MAIL FROM FAR EAST.

The United States Postal authorities have announced that four hundred sacks of foreign registered mail were burned or destroyed by fire aboard eastbound Great Northern trains at Monroe, Washington, on January 8. The fire was caused by the exploding of oil lamps. Included among the mail that was saved were a hundred coupons from Chinese Government bonds.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Dockyard Recreation Club are holding a dance in the Naval Theatre, Fraya East, on Saturday, at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. G. P. de Martin, M.A. will deliver a Lecture on "Charles James Fox" at the Helena May Institute on Monday, Feb. 10, at 8.30 p.m.

Canton buses are closing for three days at the China New Year. The Buses there, according to the "Canton Times," will not open till Feb. 7. Even the railway staffs are taking a week off.

A Cantonese army officer alleges that when on his way to Hongkong, in the train, \$500 were stolen from him. He blames the Customs men who searched his baggage near Shum Chun. He gives the man's number.

China Bank notes are still six per cent under par. The Provincial Government is asked by the Trust Company (which took up half a million dollars worth) to order revenue offices to accept them at face value.

Cabled advice from the United States yesterday to the effect that the rice embargo, prohibiting the importation into that country of any foreign rice, which was abolished on the 10th instant, has again been imposed.

Bad as things are—and they were worse last year than the year before—in the matter of armed robberies Hongkong is not the worst place in the East. Shanghai has its share. The Malay States perhaps beat us both. There they go in big gangs. In one case in Penak, just reported, there were 25, and it seems they fought a pitched battle with 35 police and got safely away. Straits papers are being sarcastic about those police.

Mr. Ho Fung-chuen, one of the Venerable Masters, retired on pension on December 31. He joined the staff in 1904. About 2 months ago he was taken ill and after that his fellow-teachers and students were surprised to learn that he had been advised to retire. He was a hard working teacher, kind to his pupils, and friendly to his colleagues. He is now gradually recovering and we all hope that his health will soon be completely restored. —Queen's College Mag.

This month we say goodbye to Mr. Lai In-fong. Mr. Lai has had a long connection with Queen's College. He entered the school as a pupil in March 1896 and left in March 1913 to become a Pupil Teacher and later on an Assistant Master in Suiyung School. While at Queen's College he passed the Junior and Senior Local Examinations of Oxford. In Queen's College he obtained the History, Literature, Mathematics, and Pupil Teacher's prizes and at the Teachers' Classes at the Technical Institute he passed with distinction. We are sorry to lose the services of Mr. Lai but never the less we wish him success and happiness in the business world he is entering. —Queen's College Mag.

KIANGTUNG RICE.

The Civil Administration in Canton has ordered that there shall be no rice transported to other provinces or ports through the present shortage and high price. The civil and military officials in the districts have been instructed to watch carefully the situation and confiscate all rice found attempting to be sent abroad, using arms to relieve the poor by special low price sale. In spite of the present serious condition brought about by the shortage of imports, some merchants in the more favourable districts are still smuggling rice out in order to sell to persons outside.

FOOTBALL.

GOOD PROGRAMME TO-MORROW.

There are four matches down for decision to-morrow, two in each division of the Hongkong League. On the Club ground the H.K.F.C. entertain the R.G.A. and as the Club are leading in this league they will want a win to consolidate their position, which now is a bare lead of one point over the Navy. A fortnight ago the R.G.A. effected a draw with the Navy, and might easily have won, and as the gunners have as good a team out again to-morrow, will not succumb easily. At their full strength the Club might win by a small margin but earlier in the season the gunners sprang a surprise on the Club, winning by an only goal, after the Club had had most of the play.

There will be excitement in the South China Athletic-Royal Engineers match on the Navy ground. The Chinese do not do as well against the apples, on previous occasions losing 3-0, and 2-1, but they were very unfortunate on the last occasion. If the fortunes of the game accompany the Chinese to-morrow, there would be few to cavil.

Farther right at the top of the 2nd Division, St. Joseph's College are not likely to do less than win the two points in their match with the 88th Co. R.G.A. The other game concerns the Navy Reserves and 83rd Co. R.G.A., and if the latter turn out it will make their fifth match of the season. They are very behindhand with their fixtures and might try and fix up a few mid-week games if they intend to carry on in the league.

UNIVERSITY WITHDRAWALS.

The University should have played Kowloon but have withdrawn from the league. The University made a good start, winning against the 88th Co. R.G.A. to a surprise of many, but once cricket started, the football team suffered, and now after weeks of continued reverses, their withdrawal from the competition is announced.

Schedule of matches to be played with some of the selected teams follows:

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

1ST DIVISION.

H.K.F.C. v. R.G.A. On the Club ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Tucker. Royal Engineers v. South China Athletic. On the Naval ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Co. Sgt.-Major Prugnell, R.G.A.

2ND DIVISION.

83rd Co. R.G.A. v. Royal Navy Reserves. On the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Dewhurst. 88th Co. R.G.A. v. St. Joseph's College. On the Naval ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Wells.

Selected teams:—H.K.F.C.—Rodger, Black, Chasels, Hamilton, Stewart, Carriere, Taylor, Clarke, Reichelmann, McFavish, Riss. R.G.A.—Taylor, Torr, Sherman, Ball, Talford, Wardley, McGregor, Johnson, Green, Middleton, Morris. South China Athletic—Lau Hing-chong, Fung Tai, Cheung Wing-hon, Chan So, Leung Tai-fong, Leung Fuk-tong, Wong Pak-chung, Kwok Pok-kuan, Tin, Koon-shan, Au Kit-sang. St. Joseph's College—E. Souza, P. Xavier, W. Ogley, S. Marcel, S. Sopher, A. Conceicao, R. Omar, E. R. Hyndman, E. Moosdeen, J. Silva and L. Xavier.

HONGKONG AND KOW-
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& GODOWN CO., LTD.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS.

Subject to audit, the directors of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., will recommend, at the annual meeting of shareholders, the following distribution of profits:—

To pay a dividend of \$6.00 per share	\$360,000.00
To per a bonus of \$4.00 per share	240,000.00
To write off Launches, Lighters, Wharves, etc.	115,625.00
To transfer to Reserve Fund	400,000.00
To carry forward	40,523.96
	\$1,156,143.96

The Reserve Fund, with the above addition, will stand at \$1,000,000, and as the money has all been utilised for improvements to the Company's property, the directors intend recommending that this amount be capitalized by distribution of 20,000 new shares to the shareholders, in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of three old shares held.

French War Loan Quotations.

French war loan quotations on the Paris Exchange on Jan. 16 were:	Fr.
3 per cent.	62.20
4 per cent. 1917.	72.85
4 per cent. 1918.	72.50
5 per cent. Liberty Loan, 1918	90.00
Cheque on Paris on London	26.00

STRAIGHT AT IT.

There is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation has its remarkable cures has gained a world wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE PICTURE THEATRES.

THE CORONET.

At the Coronet last night there was a long programme of interesting films. The programme commences with an overture by the theatre's capable orchestra, then a British Gazette, a two part picture entitled "The Corsican Sisters," a comedy "Unlucky Thirteen," concluded by "The Rose of the Rancho," a film in 5 parts picturing the Spaniards in California long ago, altogether a capital programme. Under the new arrangement after the 5 part play the first three pictures mentioned are shown again, so that those who arrive in time for the 5 part picture can still see the whole programme. It is a very nice programme, with lovely music, will be repeated to-night, and on Saturday and Sunday nights.

THE HONGKONG.

At the Hongkong the principal feature is the beginning of the serial, "The Voice on The Wire" featuring Ben Wilson and Neva Gerber in the leading parts. It is a capital play for those who can attend regularly and follow the story. Three episodes were shown last night, and will be shown again to-night, further episodes appearing on Wednesday next. A Keystone picture, always a popular feature, was shown, entitled "Shot in the Excitement," and caused much amusement.

THE VICTORIA.

There was a long and interesting set of pictures shown at the Victoria last night, the principal item being the 3rd epoch of that fine film, "The Count of Monte Cristo." This is a very good film for regular attendants at the theatre. "Annals of the War," "United States Customs Inspection," and a comedy "Will-o'-Walloops for Wealth" help to make up a fine programme. This programme will be shown again to-night, Saturday and Sunday, and visitors are assured of an enjoyable evening. The orchestra discourses music that adds to the attractiveness of the programme.

THE YANKEE WAY.

A very special film will be seen in the Colony within the next few days. It is the latest William Fox production "The Yankee Way." In it is George Walsh of cinema fame. It has been called another of George's smile-a-minute dramas. The scene is laid in that haunt of cut-throats known as the Balkans. The story begins with a good old Yankee "scrap"; it ends with one and there are several thrown in between, and of course most of the fights are over women. In it there are "pép" and speed. Things are done in such a snappy way that they earn for the picture the title of the best box office attraction ever offered in the history of the motion picture business on a rental basis.

BILLIARD NOTES.

An advertisement appearing in another column concerns an exhibition game between Mr. W. Pitt and Sergt. Goodman at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, for to-morrow night at 8.30. It is really a sort of return match, to settle whether Goodman's last win is final or not.

In connection with this, there has been a lot of talk among players about the Hongkong championship. Who is the champion? The answer is that the championship for 1918 depends upon the result of the competition shortly to start at the V.R.C.

PERFECTION OF AVIATION.

Giffoni Cipriotti interviewed about the prospect of continuing development of aviation now that the war is over said: "The war has served to reveal the practical importance of aviation and to hasten its technical perfection. Italy especially, owing to its geographical formation, will benefit immensely by it to communicate with the Balkan Islands, Africa, and the Near East. The airplane must also become like the transatlantic steamers and serve as a means of world-wide commerce."

"With a triplane we can already transport thirty persons and a heavy cargo. I am building a triplane which will accommodate a hundred passengers with all modern comforts, cabins and beds. When sufficient planes have been built to form a fleet I shall sketch out an itinerary for each one to take. For the present we cannot transport third class passengers owing to the expense of the journey."

"One of the chief aims of aviation will be transportation of mail and merchandise. Journalism will gain immensely by this quick means of transportation, the newspapers of Rome being distributed almost at the same time in Naples as in the capital. We are positive of important results, but think that others will follow that will be even more important."

CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS.

THESE Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

NANKING MINES.

The "N. C. Daily News" of Jan. 16 said:

The famous Fenghuangshan iron mines near Nanking are again attracting attention, this time owing to the attempts made by ex-president Feng Kuo-chang to get round the objection made by the British Government against their sale to the Japanese. It will be remembered that on June 30 of last year it was announced that these valuable Nanking mines had been sold to Japan. The achievement of this was in itself a tortuous piece of intrigue, for in order to render it possible the Chinese Government had first to take the mines out of the control of the Ministry of Agriculture, which had steadfastly refused to sell, and hand them over to the care of the Ministry of War on the ground that they were in fact military property. The Minister of War promptly came to terms with Japan but a protest made by the British Government on the ground that the mines came within Britain's sphere of influence had the effect of averting the conclusion of the bargain.

The sale outright of the mines being thus stymied the whole matter apparently rested in abeyance, at least so far as official acts were concerned, but General Feng Kuo-chang, appears to have taken a hand in the affair to some purpose and we are now informed that he is bending his energy to gaining possession of the Fenghuangshan mines the title to which is still in dispute—one in which the Japanese play a prominent part. After his retirement from office Feng sought to obtain the support of the gentry of Kiangsu in securing for him the title to the Fenghuangshan deposits, by declaring that he would thus be able to save them for China and prevent the sale of them to Japan by the Peking Government. Apparently persuaded by Feng's bonhomie of his sincerity in the matter, the gentry of Kiangsu set to work to form an association to petition Feng to represent the people of Kiangsu. The petition was prepared and Feng received it.

Now, according to reliable information, Feng has circumvented the embargo on the sale of the mine outright by signing an agreement with the Japanese to sell them: there, or a portion of the ore, and arranging for the development of a steel plant at Nanking, which if brought about would lead to the virtual control of the Fenghuangshan mines—or to put it more plainly, another 50 or 60 million tons of iron ore would pass into the hands of, or at least under the control of, the Japanese. It may be added that half the accessible iron ore in China to-day is controlled by Japanese.

General Feng Kuo-chang is however finding a little difficulty in gaining the control he had hoped for. We find Tuan Chi-jui in need of further security for a loan to be contracted with the Japanese. He is in need of money to carry out his war policy—a policy that he is now actively engaged in upholding by the recruiting of new divisions. The people of Kiangsu have also learned of the part that Feng Kuo-chang has played and are now openly repudiating him and his associates who have betrayed the trust placed in them by the gentry of Nanking, who had endeavored to save to China these vast ore deposits. "Little Hsu" has recently returned from Japan, and is making himself quite conspicuous by challenging Feng's right to dispose of the Fenghuangshan mines, as he states that these Nanking deposits should be disposed of only by the Cabinet, and that no individual should have the right to do so.

It is understood that the whole matter is to be brought up before the new Cabinet. It is interesting to note that this Cabinet is the tool of Tuan Chi-jui composed of men recommended by "Little Hsu" to "Old Hsu." The Minister of War, General Chia Yun-peng, who signed the secret military pact with Japan, Kung Hsin-chan, Minister of Finance who is the tool of the Anfu Club—Tsun Ju-lian and Liu Kuang-hsing are known to all. Is there much doubt about the decision of this Cabinet in respect of the iron resources of China?

It would seem that the iron mines of China present special attraction to presidents, expectant presidents and ex-presidents in the Republic of China. As early as the first month of 1912, we find President Sun Yat-sen trying to arrange for the disposal of the Hanyangping Co. to the Japanese. Yuan Shih-kai was keenly interested in acquiring iron deposits for his personal development, and before dying succeeded in contracting with a Japanese firm, the Okura Co., a loan which was to be secured on the Fenghuangshan Mine itself. President Li Yuan-hung is said to have at present the title to the Ao-chang iron deposits near Wuchang, and it is reported he is also the nominal head of a company organized for the development of this mine. It is also alleged that President Hsu Shih-chang has found it necessary to his dignity to secure for himself an iron mine, but, fearing that he would be criticized by his political opponents if he took a title in his own name, he persuaded Minister T'ien Wen-hen to give him the Lung-mengshan deposits, the operating licence to be issued in the name of his son.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET.

LEAGUE MATCH.

Craigengower v. Manchester Regt. On the Craigengower ground at 2 p.m.

FRIENDLY.

H.K.C.C. v. Civil Service. On the H.K.C.C. ground at 2.15 p.m.

Selected teams:—Craigengower.—R. Bass (Capt.), F. G. Thompson, T. F. Ford, L. Lamert, G. Manley, W. Ead, A. Arnold, U. Omar, M. H. Abbas, D. Runjahn and A. Goldenberg. H.K.C.C.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), F. J. de Rome, D. E. Donnelly, F. W. S. Evans, Capt. E. H. Gray, H. E. Holland, P. Jacks, M. M. Mas, Capt. H. E. Murray, F. Sutton and R. P. Thurnfield.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL, KOWLOON.

TO-MORROW (Saturday), Jan. 25.

EXHIBITION GAME.

600 UP.

Mr. W. PITT v. Sergt. I. GOODMAN.

Commencing at 8.30 P.M.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 8th day of February, 1919, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as an extraordinary resolution:—

"That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz:—

"In Article 82 the word 'five' shall be substituted for the word 'four'."

The effect of this resolution will be to increase the maximum number of the Directors from 4 to 5.

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated 24th day of January, 1919:

By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Secretary and Manager.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE OWNERS),

FRIDAY.

February 7, 1919, at 12.30 Noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

One 6 cylinder two seater

"Oakland" Car (new)

One 4 cylinder five seater

"Dodge" Car (new)

One 4 cylinder four seater

"Ford" Car

guaranteed in good running order.

One 4 cylinder two seater

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Further particulars and inspecting orders may be had from the undersigned.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Jan. 24, 1919.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship,

"INABA MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optimal Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the January 30, 1919, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

Agents.

Hongkong, Jan. 24, 1919.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

MEMBERS are reminded that Entries for the forthcoming Races close to the Undersigned TO-MORROW (Saturday), the 25th January instant.

It is requested that they may be sent to the Jockey Club Office, Chester Road (Ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annex) before 2 p.m.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, Jan. 24, 1919.

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK
GUILD.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

By kind invitation of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, a General meeting of the Guild will be held at Government House on WEDNESDAY morning, Friday the 29th, at 11 o'clock.

All women are cordially invited.

H. E. The Officer Administering the Government will preside and Sir Haviland de Saussure, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Stabb will speak.

ALICE D. HICKLING,

Hon. Sec. Q.M.N.G.

Hongkong, January 24, 1919.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON
WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, January 7, 1919, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1918.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, January 22, 1919, to FRIDAY, February 7, 1919, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1919.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

MONDAY, January 27, 1919,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

A Collection of Valuable

Household & Office Furniture

On view from day of sale.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

on

TUESDAY, January 28, 1919,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

A Large quantity of Wines & Spirits

Comprising:—

25 cases Port Wine,

12 do Invalid Port,

12 do Superior Port,

10 do White Port,

50 do Remy Martin Cognac,

50 do Wolsland Beer (pts.)

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40 cases Fortreviver Wine Tonic

(pts. & pts.)

On view from Monday, the 27th inst.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 23, 1919.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. "ECUADOR"

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND SHANGHAI.

THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived from the above-mentioned ports,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Cargo will be landed at their risk, into the Hazardous and/or Extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on January 29, 1919 at 2.00 p.m.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after January 31, 1919, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.

J. ORAM SHEPHERD,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1919.

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S.S.	Leave Hong Kong about	Due Marseilles about	Due London about
"NORE"	23rd February	30th March	8th April
"NOVARA"	9th March	13th April	22nd April
"NELLOR"	26th March	30th April	10th May

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

"DILWARA"	15th January at Noon	due Bombay about 19th January
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SHANGHAI, MOU, KOBE Etc.

"DUNERA"	28th January	(to Shanghai only)
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LONDON	Monthly direct service via Singapore and Port Said.
GENOA	Monthly service, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading with transshipment at Bombay to Company's Steamers.
MARSEILLES	Monthly direct service via Singapore and Port Said.
INDUS MARU	Monday, 19th Feb. at Noon.
BUEENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS, MAURITIUS, DUBAI & CAPE TOWN via SINGAPORE.	
SUMATRA MARU	Monday, 3rd Feb. at Noon.
BOMBAY, COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via Singapore.	
KENKON MARU	Monday, 27th Jan. at 10 a.m.
BATAVIA, SAMARANG, SOERABAYA—Monthly direct service.	
UNAN MARU	Saturday, 1st Feb. at Noon.
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VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE, TACOMA	

Regular fortnightly services touching at intermediate ports in Japan and taking cargo to OVERLAND POINTS in connection with Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway.

AFRICA MARU—Tuesday, 26th Feb. at 3 p.m.

HAIPHONG—Three times a month service.

TATOU MARU—Sunday, 26th February.

KEELUNG, TAKAO via SWATOW, AMOY.

These Steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd Class Saloon Passengers and will arrive at and depart from the SOON YIP WHARF, near the Harbour Office.

For TAKAO via SWATOW and AMOY.

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For KEELUNG via SWATOW and AMOY.

KALIO MARU—Sunday, 26th Jan. at 10 a.m.

JOSHIN MARU—Monday, 27th Jan. at 9 a.m.

For sailing dates and further particulars please apply to—

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

PORT	STEAMER	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI & SINGAPORE	YINCHOW	Jan. 26, at Noon.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	TAMPA	Jan. 27, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	SINILAO	Jan. 28, at Noon.
TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOOAL KUANOW	SUTUNG	Jan. 28, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	SUTUNG	Jan. 30, at Noon.

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For	Steamer	To Sail
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, TAIWANG	TUESDAY	Jan. 28, Daylight
HAIPHONG	LOKSANG	TUESDAY, Jan. 29, at 9 a.m.
SHANGHAI	WOSANG	FRIDAY, Jan. 31, Daylight
MANILA	YUENSANG	FRIDAY, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	KWANSANG	THURSDAY, Feb. 6, at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE & SAMARANG	HINSANG	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13, at 3 p.m.

CALCUTTA LINE—This line is temporarily discontinued owing to the war, but at present a monthly service is maintained with Calcutta by the a.s. "Rindang" and "Vidua", calling at Singapore and Penang. The former vessel has excellent passenger accommodation; is fitted with Electric Light and Heat and carries a fully qualified Surgeon.

SINGAPORE LINE—The a.s. "Van Waelewijk" leaves for Singapore approximately every fortnight. This vessel has excellent accommodation for first class passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light and Heat and also carries a fully qualified Surgeon.

SHANGHAI LINE—Sailings approximately every five days between Canton and Shanghai, sometimes calling at Swatow.

Steamers on this line have a limited amount of passenger accommodation, and through tickets can be obtained for Northern and Yangtze Ports via Shanghai. Through Bills of Lading are issued to all Northern and Yangtze Ports.

MANILA LINE—A weekly service is maintained with Manila by vessels with good passenger accommodation; sailings from both ports every Friday.

HAIPHONG LINE—Sailings approximately weekly for passengers and cargo, calling at Haiphong when convenient.

BORNEO LINE—One sailing per month between Hongkong and Sandakan by a steamer having up-to-date accommodation for passengers.

Cargo taken on through Bills of Lading for Kuala, Jesselton, Labuan, Tawau and Lahad Datt.

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TENYO MARU	23,000	12th February.
KOREA MARU	20,000	10th Feb. from Kobe
SHINYO MARU	23,000	5th March.

Tickets are interchangeable with the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd. and the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.

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Cargo carried on through Bills of Lading from HONGKONG to BEIRA, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN (Natal), EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN with transshipment at COLOMBO to Steamers of the INDIAN AFRICAN LINE.

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The British India Steam Navigation Company's report for the year ending September 30 shows a profit of £222,700, a dividend of twelve per cent. free of tax and £20,211 carried forward. Three steamers were lost and two seriously damaged. One ship of 9,238 tons was added to the fleet. Arrangements are being made to bring the fleet up to its former standard.

IMPROVEMENT OF FOCHOW RIVER.

After discussions between the Consuls, Chinese officials and mercantile community at Fochow the scheme for the improvement of navigation of the Min River between Pagoda Anchorage and Fochow, on the lines proposed by Mr. Ferguson, Commissioner of Customs was submitted to the Diplomatic Corps at Peking.

It was proposed that a surtax of five per cent. imposed by the Maritime and Native Customs and as annual contribution from the Chinese Government should cover the cost of the scheme.

The Diplomatic Corps approved and on December 27 forwarded a Note to the Chinese Government pointing out that the work would conduce to commercial prosperity and recommending that it be carried out. The Government has not yet replied.

TUNNEL TO IRELAND.

The first report of the Select Committee on Transport was published recently.

A sub-committee which visited Ireland obtained evidence in relation to the possibility of improving the transport connections between Great Britain and Ireland by means of a tunnel or of railways, but was not yet in a position to make any recommendation.

The members were impressed by the immense potential advantages for the development of inland transport in Ireland. They expressed the opinion (shared by the Select Committee) that Ireland ought to occupy a high place in the possession of water transport facilities if these means of communication were fully developed.

The Committee suggests improvements so as to enable the Shannon Navigation to be used for conveyance of agricultural and other products to the south-west of Ireland, and recommends that there should be established as soon as possible a Government Harbour Department. If a local authority fail to discharge its trust, this department should be empowered to take over the port until a competent authority is established.

Evidence was given as to the desirability of establishing a Transatlantic Terminal Port in Ireland for the purpose of accelerating the transport of passengers, mails and express consignments of merchandise. The sub-committee has proposed deep-water piers at Queenstown in the south and at a port in the north of Ireland, from which places improved fast train services for passengers might be established. Air services for express mails might be found feasible.

BERLIN PORT IMPROVEMENTS.

It appears from a statement published in a Swiss trade journal that Germany is not relaxing its efforts to improve and extend its internal waterways, with a view to promoting facilities for cheap transportation. Berlin, an inland city, is already connected with the sea by the improved navigation of the Spree and by a network of canals that surround the city. The article referred to is as follows:—

In spite of the war the construction of the new port of the west at Berlin, designed to become the centre of German river transportation, is actively progressing.

The two basins, one 400 by 50 metres, and the other 350 by 50 metres, are already well advanced. A third basin will be added later. The total length of wall along the two basins is 2,500 metres. There will be space for 68 barges of 600 tons each and for 104 boats of less tonnage, able to load and unload at the wharf.

The annual capacity of this port will be 1,500,000 tons. Three large warehouses, a customhouse, a grain elevator of eight floors, an administration building, and a large refectory for the workmen of the port are also in process of construction. A station with 16 sidings, 24 cranes of different sizes, loading and unloading machines, two elevated railroads, two stationary bridges, and one motor-coasting bridge complete the equipment of the port of the west.

The customhouse and the grain elevator have a capacity of 57,000 tons; the three warehouses have capacity of 48,000 tons.

The expense of the first of these constructions amounts to 37,000,000 marks, 20,000,000 marks of which were devoted exclusively to the building. It is necessary to mention, in addition, the construction of an immense cold-storage plant for meat, requiring 8,000,000 marks, and a great administration building, which will include, among others, the municipal library of Berlin.

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Steamers	Leave Hongkong about	Due Marseilles about	Due London about
NORE	2nd Feb., 1919	30th March	8th April
NOVARA	9th Mar., 1919	13th April	3rd May
NELLORE	26th Mar., 1919	30th April	10th May

BOMBAY via STRAITS & COLOMBO.

S.S.	From Hongkong about	Due Bombay about
DILWARA	12th January at 10 a.m.	19th January

TO SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Due Shanghai about
DUNERA	29th January	(to Shanghai only)

Tickets Interchangeable with R.M.S. Coy. between ports common to both Companies.

P. & O. Australian Tickets are interchangeable with the New Zealand Shipping Co. (via Panama) or by Orient Company.

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WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.

All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge and each Berth furnished with an Electric Reading Lamp.

Steamers and sailing dates are liable to be altered without notice.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees are reminded of the necessity to apply to the Company's Agents regarding arrival of consignments expected of which they have received documents or advice.

Any damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors Messrs Goddard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Iyo Maru, 12,300 tons THURS.	20th Feb. at 11 a.m.
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Tango Maru, 13,700 tons SAT.	22nd Feb. at 11 a.m.
London or Liverpool via Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Kosoku Maru, 7,000 tons MON.	27th Jan.
Melbourne via Manila Zamboanga, Thursday Is., Townsville, Brisbane, & Sydney	Tamba Maru, 12,510 tons FRI.	24th Jan. at Noon.
New York via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, San Francisco & Panama Canal	Mishima Maru, 1,500 tons MON.	17th Feb. at 11 a.m.
Bombay via Singapore, Malacca & Colombo	Nikko Maru, 2,600 tons MON.	23rd Feb. at 11 a.m.
Calcutta via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon	Kamakura Maru, 12,410 tons WED.	19th Feb. at 11 a.m.
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San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Toyo Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 13th Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Fushimi Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 20th Jan. at Noon
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	On 24th Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Nanking	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	On 27th March.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Grotius	Java-China-Japan Line	On 1st Feb.
San Francisco via Panama Canal	Bismarck	Java-China-Japan Line	On 3rd Feb.
New York via Panama Canal	Victoria E.C. & Seattle via Spore &c.	The Bank Line Limited	About middle of Feb.
Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle & Tacoma	Africa Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th Mar. at 11 a.m.
Australian Ports via Manila	Nikko Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 2nd Feb. at 11 a.m.
Australian Ports via Japan	Kamakura Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 10th Feb.
Australian Ports via Japan	Nippon Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 21st March.
Shanghai	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	On 13th Feb.
Shanghai	Yingchow	Butterfield & Swire	On 27th Jan. at Noon.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	Butterfield & Swire	On 28th Jan. at Noon.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Iyo Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 20th Feb. at 11 a.m.
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Kosoku Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th Jan. at 10 a.m.
Keelung via Swatow and Amoy	Kaitaka Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 25th Jan. at 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	Sushu Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 26th Jan. at 3 p.m.
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Java	Renkon Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 27th Jan. at 10 a.m.
London	Kwaisang	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 6th Feb. at 3 p.m.
Bombay & Calcutta	Nord	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 23rd Feb.
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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS and MANILA.

THE Steamship "SIBERIA MARU."

The above named Steamer "SIBERIA MARU" with "KOREA MARU" cargo having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on January 27, 1919, at 5 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on January 31, 1919, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into Company's Godown, where they will be examined on February 3, 1919, at 10 a.m.

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T. DAIGO,

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All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on January 28, 1919, at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

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